

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2364 - SB 2299

February 18, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes the Coordinator of Elections to notify administrators, deputies, or county election commissioners, within 30 days of appointment to such positions, of any upcoming statewide or regional training conducted by the Coordinator during the 12-month period following their appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014715):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that providing or publishing false information regarding qualifications to vote, requirements to register, deadlines, and polling places or times is a Class E felony. Establishes that tampering with a voting machine, tampering with the official voter registration database, tampering with any election website, and substituting forged election results is a Class D felony.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-118, a person who tampers with a voting machine owned or used by a county or municipality commits a Class E felony.
- The proposed legislation expands the prosecutable offense to include tampering with an official voter registration database, tampering with any election website, or substituting forged election results, and raises the violation to a Class D felony.
- There have been zero felony admissions in the past 10 years for the violation under § 2-19-118 of tampering with voting machines.
- It is presumed there will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions of either felony offense under the proposed legislation for the state to see a significant impact to incarceration expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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